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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Holger WINKLER et al.

Examiner: KILIMAN, Leszek B.

Serial No.: 10/518,058

Group Art Unit: 1773

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Title: COMPOSITE MATERIAL CONTAINING A CORE COVERING PARTICLE

REPLY

Commissioner for Patents
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

SIR:


In response to the Office Action mailed on March 23, 2006, applicants thank the Examiner for providing the opportunity to submit the test report and declaration discussed in the last reply by not making the previous action final.

Attached is a copy of the test report demonstrating unexpected results over the particles of US '131, which test report was filed in co-pending application 10/489,419 on December 1, 2005. Since then, in application 10/489,419, a declaration regarding the test report filed on December 1, 2005, has been submitted. A copy of this declaration is also attached. Applicants request that the test report and the accompanying declaration be considered in this application as well.

Reconsideration of the rejections is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with this response or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-3402.

Respectfully submitted,



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